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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on August 23, 2002, applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as is indicated below.

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition consisting essentially of a *Helicobacter pylori* membrane fraction protein in a pharmaceutically acceptable form, wherein said protein has a

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